

Solomon Davis Will

In the name of God Amen I Solomon Davis of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

Impress Should my Daughter Fanny ever live to have a living Child of her own body either legitimate or illegitimate I then give and bequeath unto her my Daughter Fanny Bedingfield alias Davis the Daughter of Elizabeth Bedingfield as follows, the Land whereon I now live with all the Lands of mine adjoining unto the same, the river Land bequeathed unto me by William Davis in his last Will &c and a tract of land joining fifty Acres more or less as if I had given so. I also bequeath unto her two hundred Acres adjoining and or less as if I had given by Robert Duke with the following Negroes namely Blackbe Rachel, Major, Amy, and child Rich. App. Walter Cherry Pompey, Phill, Rustin, Randall, Peter, Beck, her two Children Sam and Cinny, Andrew and Wether. Item and three inclosed spears eight of the best three thirty head of the best cattle, also my stock Sheep, sixty of the finest Hogs (chosen by my executor) all my plantation working tools, carts wheels, ploughs blacksmith tools &c all my Household furniture of every description whatsoever.

Item Should my Daughter Fanny not live to have a living Child legitimate or illegitimate and then and in that case my will and desire is that her estate given in this my will may devolve unto my brother Stephen Davis

Item It is my will and desire that my two old Negroes Ben and Rachel be permitted by my executor during their good behavior, to have ground to work, for their own separate support. In case my daughter should decess before them, then and in that case I desire Ben and Rachel, free people, and my Executor to emancipate them.

Item It is my Will and desire that my Daughter Fanny may entirely be under the whole and sole care of my executor

or bound unto some person or persons being given to Mr. M. King's my executor may discretionally use so much of the profits arising from the estate, as they may deem necessary for her education, clothing &c.

Item It is my will and desire if Elizabeth Bedingfield does graciously submit to Fannys being death, and education agreeable to my will (not otherwise) then in that case they may my Executor lend her Elizabeth Bedingfield during life a support not less than my dwelling House Kitchen Lairy and smoke Room yard, garden, Cotten, Potato ground, 2 Cows 6 Hairs 2 Fat Cows wheel and bands Kitchen furniture two Cows and calves two head sheep a Negro girl Cherry during life or her compliance three hundred fifty pounds pork two hundred pounds beef two bushels salt six bushels wheat eight barrels Corn, provisions for the Cows and Sheep, or as much money as will purchase that quantity annually.

Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Stephen Davis a tract of land bought of Thomas Locker Sheriff by execution against Solomon Davis, the tract of land bought of John Peterson Sheriff by execution against William Cooper, the tract of land bought of Samuel Bell sold him by Hardy Davis (Executor the tract of land & Savings in the head of Quarter swamp parcel, also five hundred hard Spanish milled Dollars to be raised from the sales of the surplus of my estate and the profits thereof payable by my executor within five years after my decess to him and his heirs forever.

Item It is my desire for the Negroes to remain on the plantations as they are, unless they become unprofitable or too troublesome to the Executor then the Negroes may be hired by private contract to them that may not be misused, the Lands rented and the Stock sold, for the benefit of my Daughter Fanny.

Item

Now I do hereby empower and authorize my Executor or either of them in case of either of their deaths to nominate and constitute a successor, who may see out letters of Administration de bonis non on said Will and exercise all the powers they may be or are hereby vested with.

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint Mr William McKim and Mr John Rame my whole and sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this 9th day of September A.D. 1795.

Given Sealed and acknowledged
to be my last Will and Testament
In presence of us.

John Bridges
Wells Bridges
Lazarus Reed
Parham Mabry

Northampton County, Va.
December Court 1795

This Will of Solomon Rame was proved by the Oath of Lazarus Reed and

Parham Mabry two of subscribing witnesses

therein named, was duly qualified. Ordered to be certified and Recorded.

Witness

E Haynes Clk

Alexander Volentine's Will

This Will made this year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred Ninety six I humbly say unto Almighty God and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executor.

Now I give and bequeath to my Sister Mary Volentine all my land that I possess to her and her heirs forever.

Now I give and bequeath all the rest of my property to my brother John Volentine to him and his heirs forever and I leave my brother John Volentine to act as my executor January 22nd 1796.

Witness
William Bell
James Bell
Zachariah Howell

Alexander Volentine Rachel
Northampton County, Va. March Second 1796

Then his Will of Alexander Volentine was duly proved by the Oath of William Bell & ordered to be certified & Recorded.

Witness E Haynes Clk

Robert Warren's Will

In the name of God Amen I Robert Warren of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being in perfect health and sound memory thank to God for it, knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

First I give and bequeath to my beloved son Joshua Warren four parts or parcels of land, first the land and plantation whereon I now live containing one hundred acres more or less secondly the land and plantation whereon the said Joshua Warren now lives containing one hundred acres more or less thirdly all the low ground next a parcel of land containing by plat three hundred thirty acres more or less fourthly & lastly the tract or parcel of land lying on the North side of Hixleys creek and containing about four acres it being part of a patent of land granted to Isaac Hixley for five hundred & thirty five acres in the year 1753 to him and his heirs forever.

Now I give and bequeath to my beloved grand Daughter Elizabeth Warren daughter of John Warren do & the tract or parcel of land bought of Thomas Edmunds and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a Cypress in the crane pond swamp then along the line of the patent of W. M. to a light wood stake then along a line of marshes then to a branch near up the branch to a maple a space then N. & W. to the crane pond swamp & thence down the crane pond swamp to the first station to her and her heirs forever the said tract contains sixty acres. Also I give to her Elizabeth Warren daughter to John Warren do & all the rents that may arise from said land and plantation to pay her board and schooling till she arrives to the age of eighteen years or married, and in case she Elizabeth Warren dies without issue I give the aforesaid Land to my grand son John Warren do to John Warren do to him his heirs forever.

Now My Will and desire is that old Tom and old Joe have their choice to live either with Joshua Warren or Abigail Selbury which they may choose.

Now